

HOUSE RESOLUTION 384

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of David B. Penuel of Lebanon.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of David B. Penuel; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Penuel was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Penuel served with acumen and alacrity as a renowned banker and civic leader for the city of Lebanon, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, born July 11, 1939, in Wilson County, David Penuel was the son of the late Byron Stroud Penuel and Lois Thompson Penuel; he was a 1957 graduate of Watertown High School and attended Cumberland University; and

WHEREAS, he nobly served in the United States Army from 1964 to 1966; and

WHEREAS, amassing fifty years in banking during his impressive tenure, Mr. Penuel worked at Commerce Union and Sovran Bank for thirty-three years and the remainder of his career at First Bank and Bank of the South, which he helped establish and is now known as Pinnacle Partners; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his community, Mr. Penuel had been a member of the Lebanon Noon Rotary Club since 1966, was a member of the American Legion, coached youth baseball for twenty years with five championship teams, and was very active in the Adult Literacy Council; he also served as Chairman of the Lebanon Housing Authority and as a member of the Board of Cedarcroft Home and the Board of Directors of Bank of the South; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Penuel was active in the Statesville United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for more than forty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Penuel was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, David Penuel enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty-seven years, Charlene Patton Penuel, and was the proud father of two sons, David Wayne Penuel and his wife, Susan, and Michael Penuel and his wife, JoAnn; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by his loving grandchildren, David Reagan Penuel, William Barrett Penuel, Austin Lee Penuel, Hannah Lynn Penuel, and John Byron Penuel; and

WHEREAS, known as a true “people’s banker” to the citizens of Lebanon, David Penuel will be remembered for his dedication to the many people whose lives he touched, both in his profession and in his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Penuel leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of David B. Penuel, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Penuel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.